

5. Pasquotank (including waters and areas that drain directly into the Albemarle, Currituck, Croatan, and Roanoke sounds, as well as that portion of the basin located in Virginia).

Section 3. Policy Board.

A. Membership.

1. The Policy Board will be broad-based and include the following:
 - a. The Secretary of North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources or designee;
 - b. The Secretary of Natural Resources of the Commonwealth of Virginia or designee is invited to participate;
 - c. The Executive Director of the N.C. Clean Water Management Trust Fund;
 - d. One representative of Partnership for the Sounds;
 - e. One representative of Cooperative Extension;
 - f. One representative of Sea Grant;
 - g. Two representatives from each of the Advisory Committees;
 - h. One, who shall, at the time of appointment, be actively connected with higher education;
 - i. One, who shall, at the time of appointment, be actively connected with local or regional planning;
 - j. One, who shall, at the time of appointment, be actively connected with major business or industry;
 - k. One, who shall, at the time of appointment, be actively connected with the commercial fishing or seafood industry;
 - l. One, who shall, at the time of appointment, be actively connected with agriculture;
 - m. One, who shall, at the time of appointment, be actively connected with forestry;
 - n. One, who shall, at the time of appointment, be actively associated with a local, state, or national conservation organization;
 - o. One who shall, at the time of appointment, be actively connected with or have experience in finance/banking;
 - p. One, who shall, at the time of appointment, be actively connected with communication media;
 - q. One at-large member;
 - r. A representative of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – National Estuary Program is invited to participate as an ex-officio member.
2. Members must reside or have interests within the program boundaries.
3. The Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall appoint or invite the initial Policy Board membership.
4. Each member shall serve a three-year term, renewable once consecutively. The membership will have staggered appointments so that one-third of the membership can be reappointed each year.
5. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment or invitation from the remaining Board members as set forth in the Board's bylaws.
6. The Policy Board may expand its membership, as it deems necessary, upon two-thirds affirmative vote.